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Sir:

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Since the Applicants believe that above-identified patent application might be classified according to DTRA regulations, the Applicants request that a determination be made whether a Secrecy Order should be imposed on the above-identified patent application.

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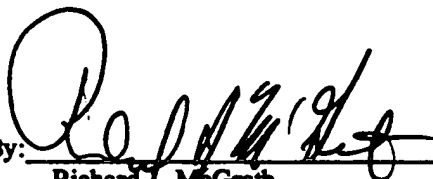
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The Applicants and their attorneys have and will continue to treat the patent application as classified until they are instructed to the contrary.

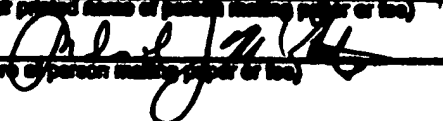
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